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TAGS: CVIS, BTRA, OEXC, UR, US  
SUBJECT: LONGER VALIDITY FOR VISAS FOR SOVIET BUSINESSMEN

1. DURING JULY 29 CALL BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE,  
SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER MANZHULO COMPLAINED  
THAT THE VALIDITY OF VISAS FOR SOVIET BUSINESS VISITORS WAS  
OFTEN TOO SHORT. OFTEN, HE SAID, THEY WERE VALID FOR ENTRY  
FOR ONLY A WEEK OR TEN DAYS AFTER THEY WERE RECEIVED. HE ASKED  
FOR HELP IN IMPROVING THIS SITUATION, AND ARMITAGE SAID  
HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT.

2. EMBASSY ISSUES APPROVED VISAS FOR ENTRY DURING THE TIME  
PERIOD REQUESTED BY THE SOVIETS ON THE VISA APPLICATION.  
SITUATION DEXCRIBED BY MANZHULO COULD COME ABOUT IF APPLICA-  
TION WERE FILED EARLY IN A MONTH FOR TRAVEL IN THE SAME MONTH.  
DEPENDING ON TIME CONSUMED IN THE CLEARANCE PROCESS AND THE  
PLANNED DATE OF TRAVEL IT COULD HAPPEN THAT A VISA VALID FOR  
THE CALENDAR MONTH IN WHICH IT WAS ISSUED WOULD ALLOW  
ONLY A WEEK TO TEN DAYS FOR ENTRY INTO THE US. THIS SITUA-  
TION MAY BE FURTHER COMPLICATED FOR THE SOVIETS BY THEIR OWN  
INTERNAL PROCEDURES FOR GETTING INTERNATIONAL AIR RESERVATIONS  
AND BUYING THE TICKETS.

3. THE EMBASSY RECALLS THAT LAST YEAR THE DEPARTMENT INSTI-  
TUTED PRACTICE OF AUTHORIZING ENTRY FOR ONE ADDITIONAL  
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MONTH IN SPLEX AND BUSVIS CASES WHERE THE ETD IS TOWARD THE  
END OF A MONTH (E.G., IF ETD IS JULY 28, AUTHORIZATION WOULD  
BE FOR ENTRY IN JULY OR AUGUST). EMBASSY NOTES THAT DEPARTMENT  
AUTHORIZATIONS FOR END-OF-MONTH ETD'S DO NOT ALWAYS AUTHORIZE  
ENTRY DURING THE ADDITIONAL FOLLOWING MONTH. EMBASSY PROPOSES  
THAT THE DEPARTMENT RENEW ITS PREVIOUS PRACTICE OF AUTHORIZING  
ENTRY FOR ADDITIONAL MONTH IN CASES WHERE ETD IS DURING LATTER

PART OF MONTH. CASES IN WHICH DEPARTMENT WISHES TO LIMIT AND  
CONTROL ENTRY WOULD, OF COURSE, NOT BE INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEME.

4. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO INFORM EMBASSY WHETHER IT WILL  
RENEW PRACTICE OF AUTHORIZING ENTRY FOR ADDITIONAL MONTH WHEN  
THE ETD PROVIDED BY MFA IN BUSVIS AND SPLEX CASES COMES DURING  
LATTER HALF OF MONTH.

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